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Applicant: Byrum, et al. : Paper No:
Serial No. 10/676,288 : Group Art Unit: 3731
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For: GASTRIC BAND INTRODUCTION DEVICE

PETITION FOR EXTENSION OF TIME

THE ASSISTANT COMMISSIONER FOR PATENTS
Washington, D.C. 20231

Dear Sir:

Submitted herewith is an Amendment in response to the Office Action mailed August 10, 2005.

Applicant petitions the Commissioner of Patents and Trademarks to extend the time for response to the Office Action dated August 10, 2005 for one month from November 10, 2005 to December 12, 2005.

Submitted herewith is a check for \$110.00 to cover the cost of the extension. Any deficiency or overpayment in the fee should be charged or credited to Deposit Account No. 06-2226. A duplicate copy of this sheet is enclosed.

Respectfully submitted,

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I hereby certify that this correspondence is being deposited with the United States Postal Service as first class mail in an envelope addressed to Box Amendment-Fee, The Assistant Commissioner for Patents, Washington, D.C. 20231, this 12th day of December, 2005.


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